

## HAVING A GREAT TRIP

Virginia Democratic Delegation Tour—  
Log West in Private Car

## MR. FORD WRITES HOME ABOUT IT

One Governor, Three ex-Governors,  
Three Lieutenant Governors, a Sen-  
ator and Congressman in Party—  
Mrs. Ford Ran the Engine.

Mr. E. I. Ford, of this city, one of the delegates to the National Democratic convention from the First congressional district, and a member of the committee appointed by the convention to notify Mr. Kern of his nomination as the Democratic vice-presidential candidate, will return to this city Friday morning.

Mr. Ford made the trip to Denver with the Virginia delegation and is returning by way of Chicago. The outward trip was made via St. Louis and Colorado Springs.

In the following letter to his brother-in-law, Mr. Steve Johnson, Mr. Ford gives an interesting description of his trip to the West and of the opening of the convention:

"Denver, Col.,  
July 9, 1908.

"Mr. Stephen Johnson,  
239 27th street, Newport News,  
Va.:

"My Dear Steve—

"I thought perhaps you would like to hear from me while I am in the far West, and a synopsis of our trip so far might be interesting to you. We left Richmond at 2 p. m. on the 2nd inst., and picked up our delegation all along the road until after we passed Clifton Forge. Nothing of any great interest happened until we got to St. Louis, where we had a very pleasant ride over the city for about two hours. We then came on to Kansas City, where we again stopped for about three hours, taking a tour of the city, seeing the entire city, traveling over about twenty-five miles.

"Our next stop was at Colorado Springs, where we took in the sights around that city, including the Colorado trip to the summit of Pike's Peak, 14,000 feet above the sea level. While on top of this mountain we were as if we were all drunk, staggering around. Some of the party became real sick, but it did not last very long. The altitude, as you know, is

"In Colorado Springs, where we occupied them during the night. The next day we took a trip to Cripple Creek, a distance of forty-eight miles, encircling the mountain tops. It was the grandest sight that I have ever seen. Cripple Creek is a city of about 20,000 people, only twelve years old. Nearly everybody that lives there is a millionaire. They have made their money out of the mountains, digging gold.

"We then came on to Denver, arriving here at 9 a. m. the 6th inst., where we were met at the depot by the reception committee, headed by a brass band playing 'Dixie.' We are quartered at the Plaza Hotel, and are very comfortably fixed. Mrs. Ford is enjoying every minute of the trip. She seems to be a great favorite among the entire delegation.

"As you understand perhaps, we have with us one real governor, one ex-governor, and three lieutenant governors. Senator Daniel is also with us, as is also Congressman Flood. Everybody seems to be thoroughly enjoying the trip. We have two private cars, equipped with everything good to eat and drink. Mrs. Ford and myself had the pleasure of riding across the plains of Kansas on the locomotive of our train, and she was allowed the privilege of running the engine for a distance of twenty-three miles, and at one stretch of the road, we ran ten miles in seven minutes.

"We attended the opening of the convention yesterday morning, and Mrs. Ford was given a seat of honor on the stage just in the rear of the national committee. If you look at the picture of the convention you will see her face. We will all probably stop over for a day at Lincoln, where we will meet the next President of the United States. We will also spend one day in Omaha, and one in Chicago, and we will reach home somewhere around about the 17th inst.

"With kindest regards to every body, I am,

"Sincerely yours,

"E. I. FORD.

## BOAT CAPSIZED WITH

DOUG. SMITH AND PARTY

They Anchored Without Lowering

Sail—Waited Two Hours Be-

fore Being Rescued.

Clerk of Courts D. G. Smith, his

little son Nelson, John Braine Nexsen,

the little son of Mr. Elbert Nexsen,

of 4701 Huntington avenue, and Mr.

Iris H. Williams, of Richmond, had

a narrow escape from drowning by

the overturning of a small sail boat

in which they were sailing near White

Shoal light-house Sunday afternoon.

After remaining in the water and

clinging to the overturned boat for

nearly two hours, the party was re-

scued by a watchman on the oyster

grounds near the scene.

The party left Mr. Smith's house

near Morrison in a small dory, intend-

ing to go fishing. They sailed out to

the channel, and the anchor was

thrown overboard before the sail was

lowered. Suddenly a strong gust of

wind struck the craft, capsizing it.

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